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FRENCH PLAN VAST COTTON AREA ON NIGER

Trans-Saharan Railway to
Connect With 1,500,000
Acre Enterprise

GREAT IRRIGATION WORKS UNDERTAKEN

100,000 Tons of Cotton Year
Is Aim of Engineers in
French West Africa

SPECIAL FROM MONITOR BUREAU
PARIS—A vast cotton-raising enterprise, involving extensive irrigation works, to be connected with the projected trans-Saharan railway from Algiers to Timbuktu is being put in operation by the French authorities in the Niger Valley of French Sudan. This project, which is expected eventually to compare in extent and value with that of the Nile delta, embraces more than 1,500,000 acres of cotton, yielding annually 100,000 tons. Within the same tract, some 700,000 acres will be growing rice and producing 300,000 tons in a year. These facts are given in a report now made public by E. Béline, Inspector of Hydraulic Agriculture in French West Africa.

In 1925 the Governor-General of French West Africa, J. Carde, decided to commence experiments in the Niger valley between Bamako and the lake area by Timbuktu. The first part of the work was to be the construction of a barrage just below Bamako and an addition canal some 15 miles in length. This work is practically completed, the cost being two and a half times less than was estimated when the project was accepted in 1925.

60 Miles of Embankment
The second undertaking is the making of an embankment more than 60 miles in length following roughly the left bank of the Niger and having a width of about 30 feet, for the region here is subjected periodically to floods bringing destruction of the natives' crops.

These two efforts at controlling the Niger are but little more than experiments on which to go ahead with the complete program of Governor-General Carde. In 10 years, however, M. Béline foresees all French cotton needs being supplied from the Niger Valley.

BALANCING EGYPTIAN CROP

About the same time that the British have been intensifying their cotton interests in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, the French have been preparing their plans for future cotton wealth. Of historical interest, also, is the fact that in 1920 the French changed the name of the Niger Valley district from Upper Senegal-Niger to French Sudan.

French West Africa is about the size of the United States. It is divided into eight principal colonies, of which Niger is the largest and French Sudan comes second. In population the Upper Volta is first and the French Sudan is second with some 2,500,000 native inhabitants and 2000 whites. The Governor-General is responsible for the administration of the whole of French West Africa and a Lieutenant-Governor is at the head of each colony. French Sudan is bounded on the north by the dimly defined southern boundary of Algeria, on the west by Mauretania and French Guinea, on the south by the Ivory Coast and the Upper Volta, and on the east by the colony of Niger.

PROJECTS FOR DESERT RAILWAY
French Sudan has within its frontiers about two-thirds of the Niger River that remains before finding its way to the sea in the Gulf of Guinea.

Bamako is the chief town of French Sudan. It has a population of 15,000. It is connected by railway with Dakar, a town on the Atlantic Ocean. Dakar is the seat of the Governor-General.

Timbuktu on the Niger also is in French Sudan and a point likely to figure much in the news of the next few years, if it is expected that the Trans-Saharan Railway from Algiers may make Timbuktu its most important southern goal. This would put the Niger Valley and the anticipated cotton harvests within a year's journey of France. Small steamboats ply up and down the Niger River today, and Bamako is in wireless communication with Paris.

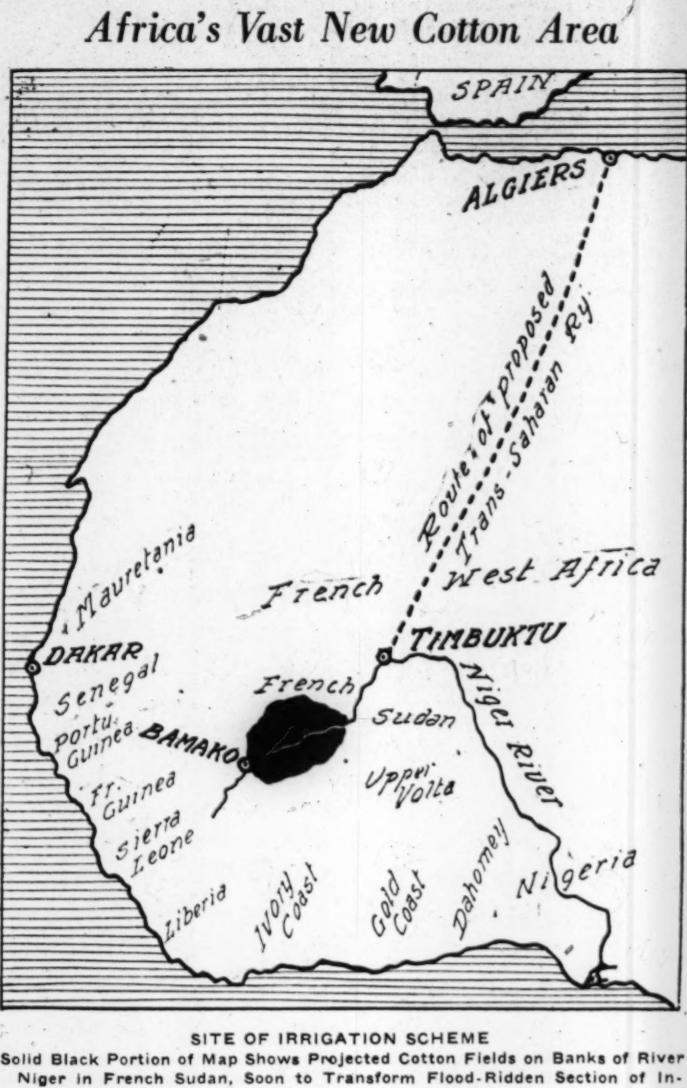
The natives raise ground-nuts, corn, rice, cotton, and cattle. Their industries number pottery and weaving. The largest native race in French Sudan is the Bambara, which numbers a round million.

QUICK RESPONSE MADE TO APPEAL FOR BRITISH MINERS

BY WIRELESS FROM MONITOR BUREAU
LONDON—The Prince of Wales' appeal for the Lord Mayor's Fund for Distressed Miners had an immediate response, including £30,000 from Lady Houston, widow of a millionaire shipowner, and £25,000 from Lord Rothmere, the newspaper magnate.

As the Government doubles every sum subscribed to this fund, these two gifts alone mean £110,000 for alleviation of distress in stricken areas.

When the Prince's message was published the fund amounted to a little over £200,000. Today it is £315,000.



SOLID BLACK PORTION OF MAP SHOWS PROJECTED COTTON FIELDS ON BANKS OF RIVER NIGER IN FRENCH SUDAN, SOON TO TRANSFORM FLOOD-RIDDEN SECTION OF INTERIOR OF AFRICA INTO SCENE OF THRIVING NEW INDUSTRY.

AIR RESCUE WORK UNITES PEOPLES IN AFGHAN CRISIS

French, Germans and Turks
Carried to Safety by
British Airmen

BY WIRELESS FROM MONITOR BUREAU

LONDON—The Royal Air Force, after carrying into safety 20 women and children from the British Legation at rebel-beleaguered Kabul, later lent its services, with corresponding daring, in the rescue operations for a number of other nationalities similarly endangered. In accordance with requests made here by representatives of the powers concerned, 28 women and children, including the nieces of the French Minister, M. Reit, relatives of German professors and engineers and the wives of the Turkish military attaché to Afghanistan, were successfully carried to Peshawar on Christmas Eve.

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GOLF CLUBS GET SHARE OF TAXES TO BE REFUNDED

Many Benefit as Well as Big
Corporations as Shown on
Annual Treasury List

BY WIRELESS FROM MONITOR BUREAU

WASHINGTON—The Treasury's annual list of tax refunds, covering the fiscal year ending last June 30, when \$142,393,567 in illegally and erroneously collected taxes was returned to 168,501 individuals and corporations, has made its appearance.

The list, made public by the House Committee on Expenditures, showed that there were over 500 and some 2000 small claims allowances on income, capital stock, sales and estate taxes collected for 1923 and prior years.

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LABOR DEMAND CENTERS ABOUT BEST WORKERS

Increased Output Per Man
Found to Lead to Hiring
of Still More Men

SPECIAL FROM MONITOR BUREAU

CHICAGO—Improved methods of production resulting in a larger output by the employee have not as a rule resulted in reducing the number of employees, but, on the contrary, in multiplying them, reported Prof. Sumner H. Slichter of Cornell University, to a joint meeting here of the American Economic Association and the American Association for Labor Legislation.</

been less surprised had Mrs. Mills won the prize than he was at his own success.

The plan submitted by Mrs. Mills calls for the education of communities to the necessity of co-operation, more federal judges, more careful selection of prohibition agents, large bonds for manufacturers using alcohol, public reports by prohibition administrators, additional treaties to control smuggling and closer supervision of breweries and the withdrawal of sacramental wines.

"A Real Contribution"

WESTERLY, O. (AP)—The duration of \$25,000 prize for the best solution of the liquor problem was described as "a real contribution" by Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, general secretary of the World League Against Alcoholism, in a statement.

He said he agreed with the solution offered by Maj. Chester P. Mills, winner of the prize, but indicated he likewise considered the "moulding of public opinion" and the education of the people as of much importance in the fight against alcohol.

Volstead Comments

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Andrew J. Volstead said he was not particularly impressed by the Mills plan to make prohibition effective.

"Major Mills is entitled to a good deal of credit for not proposing a reorganization of the service," Mr. Volstead, author of the Federal Prohibition Enforcement Act, said.

Mr. Volstead, now legal adviser of the northwest prohibition enforcement district, said the Prohibition Bureau already is operating along the same lines of "stopping the source" outlined by Major Mills.

Called Andrews' Plan

NEW YORK (AP)—Maurice Mills, successor to Chester P. Mills as Prohibition Administrator of the New York District, said Major Mills' prize-winning enforcement plan was not new, but was already formulated and put into operation by Lincoln C. Andrews, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of prohibition enforcement.

WEATHER PREDICTIONS

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU REPORT

Boston and Vicinity: Mostly cloudy, probably with some light rain tonight and Friday; no major change in temperature; moderate winds; temperature tonight will be near 35.

Southern New England: Rain tonight and probably Friday; not much change in temperature; moderate to fresh eastward winds; slight chance of snow.

Northern New England: Cloudy with rain or snow Friday and in New Hampshire and Vermont tonight; slightly warmer Saturday; moderate southeast winds.

Official Temperatures

(8 a.m. Standard time, 75th meridian)
Albany City 32
Boston 37
Buffalo 40
Charleston 38
Chicago 36
Dennison 38
Des Moines 40
Eastport 40
Galveston 48
Helena 42
Jacksonville 48
Kansas City 38
Los Angeles 34
High Tides at Boston
Thursday, 11:55 p.m.
Height of tide, 9.7 feet.
Light all vehicles at 4:45 p.m.

EVENTS TONIGHT

Special meeting, School Committee of the City of Boston, Administration Building, 15 Beacon Street, 2.

Illustrated lecture by Arthur L. Sweetser on "Peru," auspices Boston Public Library of the City of Boston, lecture hall, Boston Public Library, 8.

Illustrated lecture on "Under Northern Lights" by Capt. Donald B. MacMillan, auspices Boston Club, for members only, 8.

Dinner, National Cash Register Company, Copley Plaza, 6:30.

Copley—"Marigold," 8:30.
Fenway—"On Trial" (film).
Wilbur—"The Royal Family," 8:15.
Revertry—"Alice in Wonderland," 8:15.

ENTERTAINMENT

West Roxbury Citizens' Association; Glee Club of the Woman's Club, Library Hall, 10 a.m.

Annual Christmas Party, Boston Eastern Star Women's Club, Hotel Vendome, 2.

MUSIC

Symphony Hall—Boston Symphony Orchestra, 2:30.

EXHIBITIONS

Children's Museum of Boston, Jamaica Way—Open daily, 9 to 5; Sundays, 1:30 to 5. Free docent service. Admission free. A large collection of North American articles, including some rare value.

Museum of Fine Art, Huntington Ave., Boston—Open daily, 10 to 4, except Mondays. Sundays, 1 to 5. Free guided tours through galleries on Tuesdays, 10 to 4, except Fridays at 11 o'clock. On special exhibition.

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LIQUOR BUYER FINED \$200 FOR TRANSPORTATION

Philadelphia Judge Sets Precedent in Conviction of New York Broker

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Alfred E. Norris, New York broker, on Dec. 27 was fined \$200 on a charge of conspiracy to violate the federal prohibition law in the transportation of liquor.

The fine was imposed by Judge William H. Kirkpatrick in the Federal District Court after handing down a decision that a purchaser of liquor is guilty of violating the law if transportation enters into the agreement to buy.

The decision was regarded as highly important by federal authorities here, as the defendant raised the question that under the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act it was no crime to purchase liquor.

Indicted With Bootlegger

Mr. Norris was indicted with Joel D. Kerper, Philadelphia attorney, at a hearing before a sub-committee, who said she had become convinced through her experience and the recommendation of judges and Department of Justice law enforcement officials that the maximum penalties of the Volstead Act are entirely inadequate.

Judge Kirkpatrick did not inflict further punishment on Mr. Kerper, in view of the fact that he was now serving a sentence for liquor law violation.

Counsel for Mr. Norris admitted that he had purchased liquor from Mr. Kerper, but denied that it was a violation of law.

Punishment By Fine Only

"It is the clear intent of Congress," the decision said, "that the punishment for transporting liquor shall be by fine only. In this case the conspiracy element adds nothing by way of aggravation. The sentence imposed should not exceed that which would follow for conviction for transportation only."

In concluding the decision, Judge Kirkpatrick said:

"A conviction may be had of a buyer and seller of liquor for conspiracy to transport liquor in a case where the agreement is that the delivery of the liquor sold is to be effected by transportation from the seller to the buyer, and that an order by a purchaser to a bootlegger located at a distance to deliver liquor

followed by transportation, delivery and payment, is sufficient evidence of such an agreement."

WASHINGTON (AP)—The decision of Federal Judge Kirkpatrick of Philadelphia that a purchase of illegal liquor is guilty of violating the prohibition law when transportation enters into the sale, was handed by James M. Doran, prohibition commissioner, as an important step toward preventing bootlegging.

"In the majority of cases such liquor has to be transported," he said, "and the involving of the purchaser in the law violation will do much toward preventing such purchases."

Bill in Senate to Increase Volstead Act Penalties

SPENCER FROM BUREAU

WASHINGTON—A bill to increase maximum penalties which may be imposed under the Volstead Act for illegal sale, manufacture, or transportation of liquor has been given a place in the legislative program by the Senate Committee on Order of Business.

The bill, introduced by Wesley L. (R.) Senator from Washington, would impose a fine up to \$1000 or six months' imprisonment or both.

The report on the Jones bill states that the present penalties are not severe enough for large scale violators. The amendment proposed would not operate harshly on the casual violator, it was said, but would reach the professional violators who profit financially. It is not proposed to increase minimum penalties.

Passage of the bill was recommended by Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, Assistant Attorney General, at a hearing before a sub-committee, who said she had become convinced through her experience and the recommendation of judges and Department of Justice law enforcement officials that the maximum penalties of the Volstead Act are entirely inadequate.

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Mr. Norris was arrested after a raid on his New York home, which resulted in complaint being made to Washington against the conduct of the raiding prohibition agents.

After Judge Kirkpatrick fined the broker, his attorney took an appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and Mr. Norris was released in \$400 bail.

Knowledge Adds Law

Knowledge of the law keeps many people from violating it. As long as they are ignorant of the law, they keep their consciences quiet and are likely to know whether this is wrong or not. As soon as they know positively that what they are doing is wrong they usually quit, because they cannot bear the idea of knowingly being a criminal.

The remedy for ignorance is education. The first step in this plan is to have the text of the law published in the newspapers, to have it explained over the radio, and to provide a bill meeting which would go to every citizen telling what the law is. These bulletins should be published by the Government and distributed through churches, schools, service clubs, newspapers, and the patriotic and fraternal societies.

The law should also be taught in the schools. This can be done in classes in history and civics. The law can be repeated in civics classes, assemblies, and assemblies.

A year's campaign would make every one acquainted with the law. This might be a part of a larger campaign to teach people the new laws which affect their welfare closely.

Knowledge Not Enough

Knowledge of the law is not enough to insure its obedience. Therefore, the plan includes a method of creating respect for the prohibition measure and for laws in general.

People who do not obey laws seldom think how serious for themselves and for others their attitude is. If every one took the notion that he would obey a law or not just as he pleased, the world would soon be in order, and there would be no freedom or security for anyone. No man's life or property would be safe and civilization would perish.

To build up respect for law requires (1) an understanding of the law; (2) a spirit of loyalty and good sportsmanship; and (3) strict enforcement.

The second step in the plan is to teach the reasons back of the prohibition act. From the history they can be told to the people that has always been bad thing. It has been mixed up with the slave trade, with crime, poverty, disease and everything that is injurious to men, women and children. They can see that the liquor business has always been bad, and that the best thing is to put an end to it at once.

Another purpose served by this training school would be to build up morale. The best recruits could

be in the worst kind of crime, decrease poverty, prevent accidents and improve character.

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Before entering upon their duties they should take a special training course. This may be for only a month or two, somewhat like the summer camp of the National Guard. At these camps they would be taught the law, how to gather evidence, how to present evidence, and, in general, how to enforce the law.

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GOOD-WILL TOUR SHOWS NEED TO 'SELL' AMERICA

Hoover Party Finds Active Publicity Required to Meet Hostile Efforts

By A STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ABOARD U. S. S. UTAH—Probably the most important immediate effect of Herbert Hoover's good-will tour was the "good press" that the United States received throughout Latin America during the President-elect's travels.

For the first time perhaps in the history of the great Anglo-Saxon Republic practically all of Latin America undertook to view their northern neighbor as other than "materialistic" and "imperialistic."

This cordial attitude was in large part due to the reputation and individuality of Mr. Hoover.

To Latin America the President-elect is the great civilian hero of the World War. The people of the southern republics remember his great humanitarian services in Belgium, Poland, Rumania, Russia. Every one of the Latin-American countries contributed something to these relief endeavors and while in the United States this great work has to large extent been eclipsed by Mr. Hoover's more recent services to Latin America the memory of his war activities is still fresh.

New Concept of "Yankee"

They are all proud of having participated in this labor and every where Mr. Hoover went he was heralded as a great humanitarian leader. In this manner a new light was thrown upon the "Yankee." To the average Latin-American the North American is to say the least an aggressive business man inclined toward the materialistic.

The United States Government is almost universally characterized as "capitalistic," but here was a "Yankee," the chosen President of the United States, who was a mighty humanitarian; a man who succored Europe. More than that, this man was an administrative and engineering genius; two characteristics most sincerely admired by Latin-Americans in North America.

As result of embodying in himself all these traits Mr. Hoover brought to bear a new light upon the United States. The enthusiasm and appreciation for him was reflected on the United States as a whole and never before in the history of Latin America has so much accurate, fair, sympathetic information been printed by Latin-American publications, both large and small.

Newspaper Men Helped

Mr. Hoover believes that the educational and professional leaders and editors and newspapermen accompanying him also threw a new light upon United States, its people, its politics, its history and foreign policies.

The results that the President-elect's tour has obtained in bringing the United States favorably before Latin America has shown clearly the necessity for such activity on the part of the United States. There is great and urgent need that the real United States be "sold" to Latin America.

France, Germany, England, Spain and other countries have agencies engaged in organized propaganda work in the southern republics. Most of them are actively anti-United States.

It was a matter of great interest to the Hoover party to learn that much of the so-called anti-United States sentiment in Uruguay is due to the charge that United States has been unfair to France in debt settlements, a subject with which Uruguay has not the remotest connection. It emphasizes, however, the type of economics and political warfare that is being carried on against the United States throughout Latin America and the tremendous value of Mr. Hoover's tour in bringing a truer concept to these people.

United States to Blame

To a considerable extent the United States is itself to blame for much of the unfavorable impression of the "Yankee" that exists in Latin America. In the past the United States has not been altogether fortunate in the choice of many of its diplomatic and consular agents.

The American business man also was not always of the highest type and the history of United States soldiers and their gun running and revolutionary activities in Central America is still frequently recalled.

American "movies" and dispatches of sensational crimes and other such phenomena have given a false impression that supports the claims and charges of hostile propaganda. Latin Americans in general do not appreciate that the scenes depicted in "movies" and divorce and crime stories are as lurid and unreal to North Americans as to them.

Truer Concept Essential

It is essential therefore that the true United States be brought to Latin America. Leaders of the southern continent are themselves urging that this be done and that the work so auspiciously begun by Mr. Hoover be expanded and continued.

Dr. Francisco Chiglani, editor of Elota Dia, most important paper in Montevideo, president of the Uruguay Press Association and member of the House of Deputies, in addressing newspapermen accompanying Mr. Hoover, stressed this need.

"Are we to understand that all

North Americans are divorcees, are criminals?" he said; "that all your music is jazz?" Is this the United States? When we turn on our radios or read your papers and cables or see your 'movies' that is the impression we get.

"About your great cities, your marvelous cultural sciences, educational and social progress we hear little or nothing. You journalists must give your hearts and heads and hands to making your real country and its people known to us Latin-Americans. Through such enlightenment will come real rapprochement and understanding."

Georgia Extends Official Greeting to the Coolidges

Governor Hardman Calls at "Winter White House" on Sapelo Island

SAPELO ISLAND, Ga. (AP)—After a journey of nearly 24 hours between Washington and Sapelo Island, a day of complete freedom was arranged for President Coolidge by his host, Howard E. Coffin. The President and Mrs. Coolidge, with their entourage, arrived in mid-afternoon on Dec. 26, coming from Brunswick on Mr. Coffin's yacht. Numerous trips to points of historic interest in the adjacent country are in prospect for the Coolidges.

Gov. L. G. Hardman of Georgia had canceled a trip to California, where he expected to see the football team of Georgia "Tech" oppose California in the annual New Year's Day Tournament of Roses, in order to call at Sapelo Island and welcome the President and Mrs. Coolidge to Georgia.

In contrast with the busy atmosphere that surrounds the Executive offices at the White House, Mr. Coolidge found himself secluded on an almost inaccessible island off the south Georgia coast.

Sapelo, one of the largest of the sea island group, lies some 25 miles north and east of Brunswick. Nearby are St. Simons and Jekyll Islands, while 60 miles farther up the coast is the city of Savannah.

One telephone line, hastily installed, constituted the President's sole means of direct communication with the mainland, although a Sikorsky seaplane was moored just off shore ready to be put to any use that the President might desire.

Mexican Fair Aids Border Friendship

American Exhibitors Join in Chihuahua Exposition—New Road to Be Link

SPECIAL TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

CHIHUAHUA, Mex.—Perhaps nothing has contributed more toward good fellowship and understanding between the neighboring states of Texas and Chihuahua than the Chihuahua Fair, at the capital city, Chihuahua.

The fair was held under the auspices of the local Chamber of Commerce, and was staged under the giant poplar trees of the children's municipal playground. At night, a glitter with myriads of lights in the national colors, green, white and red, it had a gay and fairy-like appearance.

Displays included local and national products, from live stock and cotton to chinaware, to clothing, foodstuffs, mineral exhibits, American automobiles and machinery.

Rotarians from near-by cities came in full force, many of them from the United States, and there was plainly evident a growing understanding of each nation's importance to the other, particularly in trade relationships.

Another fact brought to light by this fair is that if Mexico continues in peace, the day is not distant when she will be industrially independent of the United States. A few years ago, no one except peons used the native products, but today many of the Mexican manufactures, such as shoes, canned goods, etc., bear a close resemblance to those made abroad.

Best of all, the necessity for good highways was made patent. Through the efforts of the local chamber of commerce, the Rotary Club of Chihuahua, and near-by border towns, an automobile road from the border, 200 kilometers, will soon facilitate closer relations with Mexico's neighbor to the north.

CHILDREN WIN STAR FOR READING BOOKS

SPECIAL TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

WASHINGTON—For reading and giving a sketch of 10 selected books, children in Georgia, members of various reading clubs conducted by the Georgia State Library Commission, are awarded a certificate, says School Life, published by the bureau of education.

A list of 25 books, suited to the age and grade of the child, is selected by the commission and are lent two at a time for two weeks. A notebook is provided by the commission for the sketches. Reading of all 25 books entitles a child to a gold star certificate.

ROLLING SCHOOLHOUSE FOR NORTHERN CANADA

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GERMANS HAPPY AMERICA JOINS EXPERTS' GROUP

Presence, It Is Felt, Will Prevent Division of Conference Into Two Camps

BY WIRELESS TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR
BERLIN—Washington's acceptance of the invitation extended by the six separation powers to participate in the coming conference is welcomed here, for the Germans feel that the presence of American delegates will prevent the splitting up of the conference into two camps—the "Allies" on one side and Germans alone on the other.

Even if American participation is "unofficial," the American delegates will soon be playing as important a rôle in the negotiations as the American members of the Dawes committee, it is held.

The fact that all the delegates to the conference will be independent, at least in theory, promises speedy progress, for the discussions, Völkisch, will be, for unlike the participants at the disarmament conferences the reparation experts will be in a better position to discuss matters freely and, if necessary, arrive at a compromise.

PARIS (AP)—The forthcoming meeting of experts, including the American financial members who will make a new study of the reparations problem, has the strongest kind of competition for public interest in the general apathy of the French during the holiday season.

Considerable interest has been provoked, however, by dispatches from Germany quoting the Chancellor, Dr. Müller, concerning the right of the Austrians to dispose of themselves and the right of Germany to demand evacuation of the Rhineland.

The Chancellor's remarks are interpreted by the French press generally as amounting to a declaration that "Anschluss," or the union of Germany and Austria, must be put alongside Locarno as the chart of future Franco-German relations.

More Alien Women Becoming Citizens

51,280 Apply for Papers in 1928—Entrants Now Seek Citizenship Almost at Once

SPECIAL TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

NEW YORK—The steady increase in the number of certificates of naturalization issued in the last five years continued during 1928, when 233,155 aliens were made American citizens, according to an analysis of statistics just made by Harold Fields, executive director of the League for American Citizenship. Women to the number of 51,280 applied for papers, the largest number yet.

It has been the tendency of the more recent immigrants, Mr. Fields' analysis shows, to make their application for initial citizenship in the first year of entry. Thus, while the number of aliens is actually decreasing, the percentage who take out naturalization papers is increasing. A total of 234,000 aliens made their declaration of intention in 1928, as compared with 258,000 in 1927 and 277,000 in 1926.

Mr. Field said that in the New York district, which issues either first or second papers to an average of one out of every four aliens applying for naturalization, only 2.8 per cent of the applicants were denied citizenship.

Great Britain leads increasingly in the immigration total and is followed by Poland, Russia, Czechoslovakia and Germany, according to analysis.

MODEL APARTMENTS FOR POOR IN NEWARK PROPOSAL UP TO CITY

NEWARK, N. J. (AP)—Mayor Conleton has informed the city commissioners that the Prudential Insurance Company, "if assured of a just and responsible return," had agreed to embark upon a program of providing model apartments for the poor of the city "in place of some of the very old unsanitary and dangerous firetraps which they now occupy for dwelling purposes."

Mayor Conleton asked the commissioners to sponsor laws which would permit insurance companies to invest their funds in the aid of a housing program of this nature and which would give the right condemnation for the sites. If this were done the first investment in model apartments to be rented at cost would represent from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

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"BIG INDUSTRY" OUTPUT SAID TO GROW IN RUSSIA

Marked Progress Shown in Economic Development of Soviet Republic

MOSCOW (AP)—The year drawing to a close has witnessed marked and general progress in the economic development of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, says Michaelovitch Knichuky, Vice-Commissar of Trade in a statement just issued.

In what might be classed as "big

industry," he says, production for 1926-27 exceeded the preceding year's output by 19.6 per cent, yet the year 1927-28 gave an increase of 23.2 per cent over 1926-27. For the economic year which commences Oct. 1, it is proposed to increase the country's production 20 to 22 per cent beyond last year's figure.

"We are already outstripping pre-war conditions in various lines," he continues. "This is especially true in the production of electric energy, which in 1913 totaled 1,945,000 kilowatts, rose to 5,145,000 in 1927-28, and is destined to reach 6,000,000 in 1928-29. The production of internal combustion engines in 1927-28 was 403 per cent above pre-war figures and agricultural machinery increased 201 per cent in the same time. During 1928-29 we plan to increase this production of agricultural machinery so that it will be 280 per cent above 1913."

National Home Reading Union Keeps Abreast of Necessities of Times

SPECIAL FROM MONITOR BUREAU

LONDON—The National Home Reading Union is now in its fortieth year, and it keeps pace with the times by adapting its methods to the modern conditions. It recently reorganized itself under the chairmanship of Dr. Ernest Barker, and is doing quite a useful work among young people and adults who wish to continue their education and develop their intellectual interests at home.

Members of the local home-reading circles formed in affiliation with the national body receive for a small subscription the Reader, a monthly magazine which outlines courses of reading in literature, history, philosophy, art, nature study, and other

subjects, and contains articles bearing upon them, with lists of books and questions for discussion. There are junior courses for younger readers.

Book lists are issued in connection with these courses. The union is well supported by prominent people who serve on its committees or contribute to its publications. For a number of years H. R. H. the Princess Louise has graciously acted as president. The president of the board of education, Lord Eustace Percy, has testified to its usefulness. The London County Council has for long given its valuable support by taking a large number of copies of its magazine for use in its schools.

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RADIO

CONFERENCE
TRANSLATION
NOVEL IDEAAir Delegates Have Head
Phones Giving Speech
in Own Language

When the delegates from the 21 nations from South and Central America met at the Pan-American Union Building in Washington, D. C., on Dec. 10, a new and unique method of instantaneous translation was demonstrated by the State Department in honor of the distinguished guests.

Each visitor found on a table in front of him a special head set, which could be used at will. This installation was connected by an arrangement of wires with a microphone on the platform, where Charles E. Hughes and other notables, addressed the conference.

Special translators were seated near by with a microphone in front of them and as speeches were made in English or other languages, these were instantly translated to the experts for the guest delegates.

If a speech was in French, and one of the visitors desired to listen to it in Spanish, he need only apply his individual headphones, and be at once able to hear the speech in that tongue.

Behind the scenes was a huge control board, in charge of a radio engineer from the Bell Telephone Company, whose experiments for this conference seem to have solved the problem. This engineer had two assistants to aid him in controlling the volume, which had to be adjusted to the voice of each speaker. A couple of wagon loads of amplifying equipment were used according to their radio experts.

Mr. Charles B. Graham, who is in charge of the conference with the State Department.

This idea was originally conceived by Mr. Joseph McDermott, chief of the Current Information Section, and at one time it was hoped that it might be operated successfully at the Geneva Conference. During the past four or five months, various companies have been called in and outlined what was wanted, but each plan submitted had some flaw that ruled it out.

Secretary Kellogg particularly desired a method that should insure promptness for the conference, such as is obtained by commercial equipment in speaking over the telephone, and this seemed an obstacle that no one could surmount. However, the plan arranged for proved most effective and was in working order each day from 9:30 in the morning until 5 p. m. during the sessions, which lasted until Dec. 24.

A. C. Receivers
and Election
Aid Industry1928 a Year of Record Propor-
tions—Dynamic Speak-
ers a Feature

Assisted enormously by the stimulating influence of the election, and the growing popularity of the alternating current sets, business in the radio industry in 1928 was of record proportions, according to Radio Retailing. Engineered developments during the year were significant. The perfection of A. C. sets and the introduction of the electro-dynamic reproducer were outstanding features. Another notable achievement was the progress made in audio amplification, both in the set and in external equipment.

The power tube was a potent factor in making available greater volume and better tone quality. Undoubtedly these tubes will have a beneficial influence upon 1929 receivers from the standpoint of tonal improvement.

The radio is gradually finding a demand for more artistic and expensive radio equipment. In the past few months is perhaps the best example of the rapidity with which new ideas in radio merchandising become market trends and write new chapters in the romantic progress of the radio business.

Great interest centers in the laboratory right now, for there are several technical developments in the experimental stage which have every promise of being factors in the radio market place in the near future. First, is the automatic volume control. It is not too strong, this control reduces it to the proper volume. If the signal is weak, it is amplified to satisfactory audibility. Sets using this control undoubtedly will be placed on the market in 1929.

Second, is the screen-grid tube for alternating current. These will be available on the market in quantities by spring. They will, undoubtedly affect set designs of next year.

Third, from the standpoint of laboratory developments comes the multi-valve tube. It is widely used abroad and known there as the Loewe tube. If this tube wins acceptance here, small, compact receivers can be built for a popular price.

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7:00 Big Brother Club; "Robin Hood"; news; code practice.

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NEW HEAD COACH FOR W. S. C. FIVE

Basketball Fans Entertain High Hopes for Conference Honors

SPECIAL TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR
PULLMAN, Wash.—Several factors have given supporters of State College of Washington basketball high hopes for honors during the present season. Chief among these are the reorganization of the basketball association, the new head coach and the facilities offered by the new \$500,000 gymnasium completed this fall. Material is far from plentiful, although not of the caliber that composes championship teams.

J. B. Friel, 1923 graduate of Washington State and former Pacific Coast Conference coach, took over the coaching reins this year, replacing Karl A. Schlademan, who is devoting his attention to freshman football, varsity and freshman track in addition to some teaching. Friel gained valuable experience in five years of his graduation and last year his team won the state high school championship.

The Courts

The new gymnasium with its three basketball courts gives greater opportunity for practice work. With such increased activity in basketball, greater interest in the hoop game has been aroused with the result that better playing is expected. Information for the center position is C. E. Endslow '28, a senior from last year who measures 6 ft. 4 in. He is a valuable men under the basket and is a dead-eye shot. Although out of practice, he is expected to be good shot for the Conference team. L. A. Mitchell '31 is a letterman from last year and is a capable center. W. B. Chun '31, tall Korean center, was outstanding in freshman play last year and should make the letterman team. He keeps their positions. D. E. MacDonald '30 played a little varsity last year and is showing marked improvement this season. J. A. Gould '30 is a new recruit who is a utility man.

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Black Hawks Plan Rink for Hockey

SPECIAL FROM MONITOR BUREAU

Chicago
AN ARENA built especially for hockey games and ice skating is planned here by Maj. Frederic McLaughlin, president of the Chicago Black Hawks, in the National Hockey League. This structure and plans is to cost between \$500,000 and \$750,000 with a sheet of ice 220 by 90 feet, and will seat between 10,000 and 12,000 spectators.

Major McLaughlin states this move is made necessary by the lack of practice opportunities at the Coliseum here, and the failure of negotiations with the Harmon Stadium now building. It is pointed out that the great weakness of the Hawks is their lack of practice. After games at the Coliseum here the ice is immediately broken up, and the players sometimes go into a game after a week's layoff without having had a pair of skates on their feet. The size of the arena is not announced, but will be out of the high-priced areas, it is said.

Mitchell '31, captain of last year's freshmen, is another who has proven a strong contender for a regular position. A. Shaw '31 and C. A. Ellingsen '31 are men from the 1927 freshmen who show much promise.

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Doubleplays took so prominent a place in the National League season of 1928 that they overshadowed important individual fielding statistics. According to official figures released today, a new National League record for doubleplays by all clubs was established, the mark of 1227 bettering the old record of 1222, made in 1924. This record, bettered by the 176 of 1928, was set by the Cincinnati Reds, with Lindstrom and Fred Fitzsimmons.

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OREGON HAS A VETERAN TEAM

To Start Regular Basketball Practice Soon After New Year's Day

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EUGENE, Ore.—The University of Oregon basketball team will start regular practice immediately after New Year's day with every one of the regulars who are second place in the northern division of the Pacific Coast Conference. Only one letterman, I. K. Reynolds, was lost to the team through graduation last year, and since he was a utility man, he will be easily replaced.

Oregon will not have any special advantage in having its first-string men back, however, since many of the other colleges will also have teams of veterans. The champion Washington, is losing only one man, while University of Idaho, University of Montana, State College of Washington and Oregon Agricultural College are all reported to have teams composed largely of veterans.

Finds Good Center

Coach William Reinhart will put a much stronger team in the field at the beginning of the season this year. His search for a good center has at last been successful, he says, for R. G. Edwards '29 is unusually impressive for this player. In Howard's report, Edwards' tall range, voice, Reinhart has another center who can replace Edwards when necessary. J. F. Eberhardt '31, a younger brother of E. J. Eberhardt, and E. J. Pahl '31 are coming up from the freshman squad of last year for the position. Both are good players and are expected to take some of the games this year.

At forward there will be G. H. Ridings '29, who led the Conference in scoring last year, and his running mate, W. S. Mignot '30. Both are as fast as any letterman in the field. D. J. McCracken '30 is another letterman, who will be ready at one of the forward positions. Veterans from last year's squad, who did not play enough to make letters include Jack Dowsett '30, and C. E. Schaefer '30, L. C. Clark '30, who are candidates for forward places. Another man who may be used at either forward or center is H. F. Dickson '30, a transfer from Ashland Normal School, who stands just 6 ft. 6 in. in his stocking feet. Dickson lacks ex-

perience at present, but his height should make him valuable later on.

The two guard positions are well taken care of both by regulars and utility men, and there will be a stiff competition from the freshman of last year. J. S. Bally '29, fast and dependable, is back and already in good condition, as is Mervin Chastain '30 and D. C. Epps '29. Both Epps and Chastain are tall and are very steady and accurate with the ball. From the utility squad Reinhart has W. A. Hanley '30, who should make his letter this year.

Three New Guards

From last year's freshman team will come three potential guards to add to the regulars. E. M. King '31, V. W. Callan '31 and C. L. Horner '31 were all good players on the first year five, and should get into games occasionally.

Reinhart will be assisted this year by Charles Jost, former Oregon star, who was a letterman during his undergraduate days, and has had some experience in coaching since graduation. Earl Leslie is coach of the freshmen, and will train them in the Reinhart style of play, since the varsity will need new material next year.

The university plays 16 Conference games this year, with the first five away from the home floor. The hardest opponent, University of Washington, is met first in Seattle, Jan. 19. The Conference schedule follows:

Jan. 19—University of Washington at Seattle; 20—State College of Washington at Pullman; 21—University of Idaho at Moscow; 22—University of Montana at Missoula.

Feb. 1—Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis; 5—University of Montana at Missoula; 8—Oregon Agricultural College at Eugene; 12—University of Washington at Eugene; 18—University of Idaho at Eugene; 28—University of Washington at Eugene.

The winners of the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference will play the winners of the Southern Division for the Conference title early in March.

IDAHO ELECTS HOLMGREN

SPECIAL TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

MOSCOW, Idaho—Football players at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., in their 1927 campaign, after having won 10 in a row, regard them as having reached the peak of their ability.

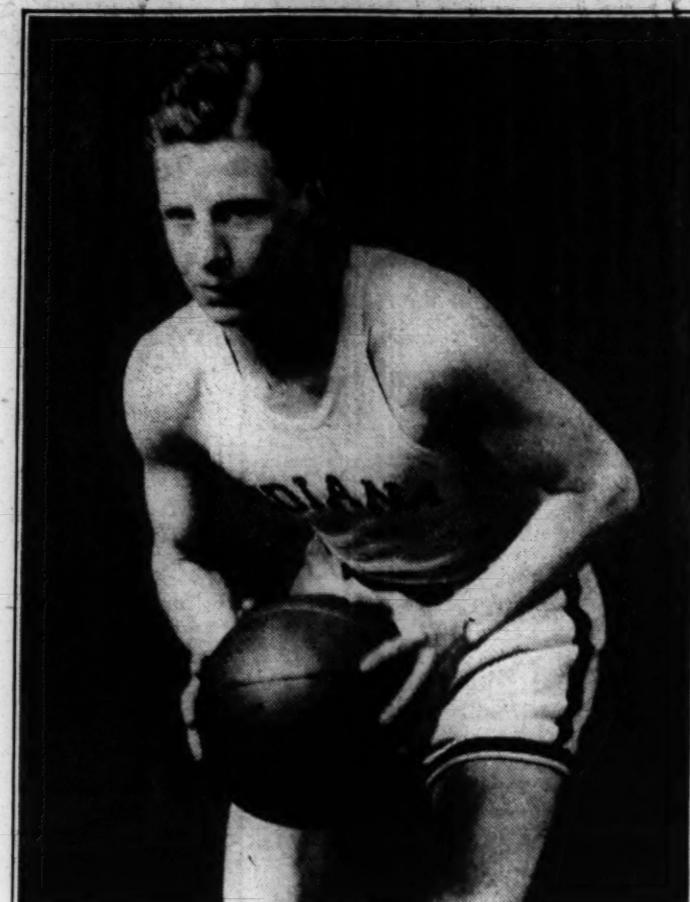
Holmgren led the team through a victorious season in the Northern Conference, winning all games and providing strong competition to the University of Washington, Pacific Coast Conference members, and to Gonzaga University, members of the Western Electric Conference.

Holmgren has been awarded the trophy awarded annually at Whitman to the player being the greatest inspiration to the sound of the year. In addition to the football star Holmgren is a sparkling light on the basketball team at his disposal. Last year he was all-around guard. His fine playing this season has earned him the all-Northwest Conference title position.

At forward there will be G. H. Ridings '29, who led the Conference in scoring last year, and his running mate, W. S. Mignot '30. Both are as fast as any letterman in the field. D. J. McCracken '30 is another letterman, who will be ready at one of the forward positions. Veterans from last year's squad, who did not play enough to make letters include Jack Dowsett '30, and C. E. Schaefer '30, L. C. Clark '30, who are candidates for forward places.

Another man who may be used at either forward or center is H. F. Dickson '30, a transfer from Ashland Normal School, who stands just 6 ft. 6 in. in his stocking feet. Dickson lacks ex-

One of the "Big Ten" Basketball Leaders

CAPT. ELMO D. WELLS '29
Indiana University Basketball Team.

INDIANA HAS GOOD PROSPECTS

Seven Veterans of Last Year's Great Court Team Are Available

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—With seven veterans of the team that tied for the championship of the Intercollegiate Conference last season available, Coach Everett S. Dean has splendid prospects for Indiana University in the coming title year. Coach Dean's teams have never placed below second in the "Big Ten," and they will have the additional new of \$35,000 field house.

E. D. Wells '29, forward or floor guard, as the occasion demands, is captain of the team. The former leader, R. J. Correll '29, is back at floor guard, but has yet to play one conference game before having graduated. Other veterans are C. D. Strickland '30, C. D. Scheld '29, B. M. McCracken '30, J. C. Gill '30 and D. E. Cooper '30.

Teaming with Wells is known to be quick, who was little known to "Big Ten" basketball fans until the last half of the 1927-28 schedule. He came into prominence as the successor to Arthur Beckner, all-Conference forward for two years, who graduated in January.

Same Situation as Before

Coach Dean will be faced with a similar situation when the first semester ends this year, losing Correll, the mainstay in the Crimson defense. The other two cogs in the defense are Scheld and Gill, back guards.

The two rivals for the same post fought all last season for the place, and indications show that another struggle will be waged again this year. Dean will use them alternately in the first game of the Conference season with Illinois.

McCracken, center, is known to all the Midwest as the player who stopped the scoring of C. E. Purdie's all-Conference six-footer last year. The Indiana star, however, tied for second in scoring honors. He is the only out of the seven players mentioned who plays football.

Cooper was an understudy of the first-string forwards last year, but will be used intermittently, intermittently with Strickland and Wells this season. He is well known for his uncanny ability at long shots.

Many Good Sophomores

Against these veterans for places is the sophomore aggregation. Leading them is Paul G. Jasper, captain of the freshman team last year, and is in line to McCracken in hard battle for position. At forward is Clarion Veller, Lucian O. Ashby and Leonard C. Miller. Bernard W. Miller is another center prospect, while William H. Cordell is a candidate for floor guard. Cordell is intending to use these men to bear the brunt of the non-Conference titles.

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Bloch's "America"—Other Views

SPECIAL FROM MONITOR BUREAU
Chicago
ERNEST BLOCH'S "America" was the most stimulating constituent of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's concerts, Dec. 21 and 22. A previous study of Mr. Bloch's score did not make it seem as if his efforts would be weighted with success. "America" contains so many tunes of Indian, Negro and other origin that the composition presented the appearance of a pot-pourri of gargantuan proportions. The anthem, too, with which the piece concludes, did not leave an impression of originality.

Mr. Bloch's masterly technique saved his production from the failure which would have enveloped a similar work by a composer less able and adroit. This technique was concerned, not only with the gorgeous orchestral garb in which "America" was clothed, but the remarkable fashion in which the whole was fitted together, so that the total impression was one of unity and strength. For once the composer was able to forget that he must break at any cost. For once he looked at the symphonic music through the medium of the theater. The anthem at the end of the piece might be banal, but the accumulation of excitement leading into it and the majestic sonority with which the tune is scored must have left even the most fastidious connoisseurs a little dazed. Of the success of "America" the listeners left no doubt. There was great applause and Mr. Stock and the orchestra—to whom the composer owes great gratitude—stood to acknowledge it. No attempt was made to encourage the audience, as Bloch wished, to sing the final hymn. And that, perhaps, was just as well.

Rosa Linda Soloist

The remainder of the program was devoted to Mendelssohn's seldom-played overture, "Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage," Debussy's "Fêtes," and two works for piano and orchestra—César Franck's Symphonic Variations and the Hungarian Fantasy by Liszt—which were performed by Rosa Linda. It has not been often that the concerts of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra have presented their patrons with an artist as mature for her age as is Miss Linda. This performer, who is only 15, negotiated the two compositions with astonishing skill and brilliancy. Her playing, however, has not been sufficient to dominate the orchestra, but there was no doubt as to the charm of her touch and the certainty with which she overcame the difficulties of the works.

At the Opera the new performances of the week have been Halévy's "La Juive" (Dec. 19) and Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore" (Dec. 22). In the former Mme. Leider took the rôle which in former performances had been the property of Rosa Linda. The Rachel of the new artist was excellently conceived and was less excellently sung as a whole, the performance lacked something of poise, but Halévy's music is becoming strangely wan. It should be added that Charles Marshall was effective as Eleazar and Alexander Kipnis made the Cardinal into a more or less human figure. Donizetti's work brought forward Margherita Salvini as Adina, a part in which she played and sang with charm. Mr. Schipa was as fluent and elegant as usual in the music of Nemorino, and Barre Hill, one of the new American vocalists, sang with real beauty of tone and acted with less confidence the rôle of the young farmer who loves Adina.

The Apollo Club

The Apollo Club offered its annual performance of "The Messiah" Dec. 20. Edgar Nelson, who succeeded Harrison Wild as director of the organization, was highly successful in infusing enthusiasm into a singing work. The choruses were interpreted with verve, and Mr. Nelson was able to bring the orchestra that Handel's music was worthy of its sense of poetry and its skill. The soloists, who also accomplished effective labors, were Ruth Rodgers, soprano; Carolyn Harris, contralto; Arthur Kraft, tenor, and Frank Cuthbert, bass.

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Mr. Reiner, a native Hungarian, became an American citizen last July. He has been impressed by phases of American life which he regards as peculiar to the United States. One of these is the participation of American mothers in careers other than in motherhood. Another is the public school system. Accordingly he determined that these two points of his should be represented. For the first, he chose a chorus group known as "The Mothersingers." This is a Cincinnati chorus of 135 mothers, led by Will R. Reeves, Cincinnati director of community singing. To these, Mr. Reiner added a chorus of 1000 voices taken from the public and parochial high schools of Cincinnati. Fifteen schools were represented, and each unit of the chorus learned the Bloch score before they were assembled for final rehearsals.

Chorus in Gallery

No stage in Cincinnati is large enough to accommodate such a group, and accordingly the entire gallery of the Music Hall was used for the high school chorus. The orchestra and the "Mothersingers" occupied the stage. It was discovered that of the 135 mothers on the stage 54 had children singing in the gallery.

When these two choruses were joined in the concluding strains of the Bloch rhapsody, the emotional effect was, of course, tremendous. Throughout the last five minutes applause, cheering and shouts of

"Bravo," made the music almost inaudible.

Such a performance proves one thing. Whatever the ultimate verdict may be regarding the Bloch score from a musical standpoint, it is obvious that it has compelling emotional power and that an audience can be made to come to its feet with the final movement.

This is interesting in the light of what goes before in the composition. Up to the conclusion no one would be likely to assert that the music is primarily emotional in significance. Indeed, the composer has deliberately worked against this end, both by following a very elaborate program, and by fastening attention upon the extraordinary dexterity with which he has utilized folk songs, dance tunes and hymns. His constant quotation, however authentic as to sources, contributes to the program rather than to the power and sweep of the music itself. It becomes impressive as an exercise in dexterity rather than as a compelling bit of originality.

Nevertheless, Bloch has used these materials with great felicity. The string quartet, for example, at the opening of the second movement, is beautiful writing, and is a noble preservation of an American folk tune. Indeed, the skill with which these familiar melodies are orchestrated is extraordinary, and it is only in the material with which they are joined that occasional banalities are evident.

The festival was marked also by a brilliant presentation of the Debussy cantata, "The Blessed Damozel." It was ably handled by orchestra and the chorus of the "Mothersingers." It became also a triumph for Ruth Townsend, Cincinnati mezzo-soprano. Hulda Lashanski had been engaged to sing the exquisite soprano score, and came to Cincinnati for rehearsals. At the last moment she was prevented from appearing and with only one rehearsal Mrs. Townsend learned the soprano solo as well as the contralto score, for which she had been engaged, and gave a most ingeniously planned Cincinnati lost nothing by the change.

The "Mothersingers" presented also a group of Christmas cantatas of Praetorius, Cornelius and Gaverta, and the high school chorus sang five familiar Christmas songs and hymns.

The New Films

NEW YORK
W^{ARNER} BROTHERS' new talking picture, "My Man," with Fanny Brice of musical-comedy fame as the featured player, at the Warner Theater. As in the case of the Warner hit, "The Singing Fool" with the inimitable Al Jolson, little attempt has been made to provide more than a working skeleton of a scenario on which to string as many song hits as possible, thus enabling Miss Brice to fit all her old music-hall favorite into a drab little tale of a self-sacrificing sister continually caught in the showers of misfortune, while her understanding charge steps out, gayly into the sun. But, to quote from one of Miss Brice's songs, there is no rainbow without any rain, and so the film comes to a presumably happy close with the deserted bride emerging a successful prima donna and a repentent bridegroom-to-be on his way when she played and sang with charm. Mr. Schipa was as fluent and elegant as usual in the music of Nemorino, and Barre Hill, one of the new American vocalists, sang with real beauty of tone and acted with less confidence the rôle of the young farmer who loves Adina.

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That Ferguson Family

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NEW YORK—At the Little Theater Gustav Blum presents "That Ferguson Family," a comedy drama by Howard Chenerly. The cast:

Mortie Ferguson Jean Adair

Frank Ferguson Maxine Boworth

Tavis Ferguson Rita Page

Bert Connally Spencer Blane

Mrs. Sarah Thorne Doro Matthews

Bill Flanagan George N. Price

Many of the scenes in "That Ferguson Family" are well written and if the play as a whole were to be level with them, we might be recording one of the hits of the season.

Unfortunately, however, the greater part of "That Ferguson Family" has been seen in such plays as "The Show Off," "The Silver Cord," and "Craig's Wife."

The story is the familiar one where the mother does the thinking for all of the members of the family to the extent that she comes to believe herself in personal possession of each one of them. The unfortunate result is that at the fall of the last curtain she is practically alone in the world.

Jean Adair is excellent in the leading rôle and Halligan Boworth is equally good as the husband ruled by his wife, but the other members of Mr. Blum's cast do not furnish very much help to the author.



STUDIES BY WILLIAM HATHERELL, R. I.

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Jim the Penman

Revived in Boston

For two weeks at the Colonial Theater Boston playgoers may see George C. Tyler's revival of "Jim, the Penman." This famous English melodrama by Sir Charles Young was first produced in the United States in 1886, and several times revived thereafter.

The Portland Junior Symphony is now in its fifth season as a separate corporation, dependent on no other organization, and carrying its own program through to completion.

This concert was given before a large audience whose interest was in the young players as well as in the music.

Unrestrained and often vol

uptuous applause is the rule at these concerts. It was not extraordi

nary, then, that Mr. Gersbachovitch

had a successful performance.

The principal characters are de

signed strictly with an eye to serving

the vigorous plot, which sets forth

with a curious Ibsen-like touch the

consequences of a crime 20 years

after the event. For Rosalind Rob

ertson's of sweetheart and marri

ed her himself by means of forged

letters. The action of the play shows

the discovery of this incident of the

distant past, Percival's magnanimous

effort to prosecute Rosalind and

his wife to marry Percival. A typical

story of its time, filled with longing

for the "might have been" and a

swift catastrophe that leaves all the

worthy people of the play happy at

the final curtain.

William Faverham gives a tense

performance of the remorseful Ral-

ston, his eyes burning with forebod-

ing at every turn of events against

him, steadily keeping the audience

in his confidence, and altogether

playing the part in its true period

spirit. Matching him well was Charles

Richman as the hearty, kindly and

much-endured Percival, lending a

personal glow and vocal warmth that humanized the part.

In key with this sturdy pair was

the fluttering of Cecile Dixon as

the maid of honor, Mrs. Lorraine

Hardy's "Jude at the Moun-

tain" in "Harper's Magazine," says:

"I do not remember ever before hav-

ing an artist who grasped a situation

so thoroughly. Would that I pos-

essed such a copy of the original."

Shelley Kaye Smith writes this year:

"I never had an illustrator who

brought out so exactly what I wanted." There are similar letters from Rutherford Crockett, Richard Davis, W. G. Locke, Florence Kilpatrick, Mary McDonley, W. B. Maxwell, Seaton Delmonte and many others.

Many of these are well illustrated and

make a good water color picture.

One letter is from Her Majesty

Queen Mary of England, expressing

her appreciation of Mr. Hatherell's tiny

painting, "The Land Girl," no larger

than a postage stamp, for her famous

Doll's House, which was exhibited at

the Wembley Exhibition in 1924. Also

an appreciative letter came from

Princess Marie Louise.

Vernon Steele is handsome as the

juvenile, Lord Drelincourt, and that

is all that the play requires of him.

Brinsley Shaw is a truly profes-

sional manner as Dr. Pettywise.

Cecilia Loftus has rich opportunities

in the part of Mrs. Ralston, that

THE HOME FORUM

A Pedestrian in an Earlier London

TRIVIA, the goddess, invoked by the poet, John Gay, in Book I of his poem, "Trivia, or, the Art of Walking the Streets of London," was, I imagine, the poet's own contribution to mythology, a goddess unrecorded by the learned Bulfinch.

"I sing: thou Trivia! goddess, aid my song."

wrote the poet.

"Through spacious streets conduct thy baird along; By these transported, I securely stray Where winding alleys lead the doubtful way. The silent courts and opening square explore, And long perplexing lanes untried before."

Not that I would advise anybody to recover this work from oblivion—though Dr. Johnson thought it "sprightly, various and pleasant" it is not always in good taste—and start to read it with hope of enjoying the poetical content. That was his disappointment and perhaps slumber. Such "poetry" as Macaulay was later to remark, was easily manufactured after one had got the trick of it, and successfully practiced by writers, "whose only title to fame was that they said in tolerable meter what might have been well said in prose."

Yet there is a reason for reading "Trivia" if one has the time, patience, and curiosity. Writing in the first quarter of the seventeenth century, Gay set himself the task of reporting, in a then popular manner, what was to be seen and experienced in walking about the streets of London; and this he did so thoroughly that his poem very completely describes the outdoor life of that city. In those days, for example, a man wore a wig, but held it unworthy his manhood to carry an umbrella—

"Britain in winter only knows its aid To guard from chilly showers the walking maid."

But wigs were valuable possessions, hence the advice of the poet—

"When suffocating mists obscure the morn Let thy worst wig, long us'd to storms, be worn."

Nor was weather the only menace of a wig wearer. The pedestrian was warned to avoid crowds, and to watch out especially for men who carried large baskets on their shoulders.

"Nor is thy flaxen wig with safety worn; High on the shoulder in a basket borne Lurks the sly boy, whose hand, to rapine bred, Plucks off the curling honours of thy head."

Also the wig was sometimes an annoyance; the contemporary reader of "Trivia," going his way on the crowded London sidewalk, was admonished to steer clear of fops who

had been addressed to

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THE YOUNG FOLKS' PAGE

The Howarth Prize

By DOROTHY A. LOVELL

THE girls of Milton Manor had just returned from the vacation and were endeavoring to settle down for the winter term. There was a general atmosphere of excitement everywhere; a good deal of reorganization had gone through; a picking up of old threads; a certain sense of restraint to be overcome after the period of freedom.

Tony Lister, one of the seniors in her House, was kneeling upon the floor of her little study, surrounded by a pile of books and other belongings. She looked up at the door opened and smiled somewhat faintly at the newcomer.

"Hello, Beth!"

"Hello, Tony! Had a good time?"

"Oh, yes, thanks."

Beth dropped into one of the wicker chairs.

"What's up, old thing? Something gone wrong?" she asked.

"I'm back on her heels and danted her hands together."

"Everything," she said.

"Where's Louise?" Beth asked. "Hasn't she come back yet?" And then she noticed that Louise's pictures had gone and in their places on the wall were patches of unfaded paper.

"That's it," said Tony. "They've taken Louise away. Apparently she was too good for our House so they transferred her to Miss Cloud's."

Beth gave a little gasp.

"And there is worse to follow," Tony went on. "I am not to choose my study fellow, it seems. Some miserable new girl has already been fixed for me. Think of it! All through the winter with a stranger! The summer term wouldn't have been so bad—but winter is so intimate. And so much depends on one's work—the half yearly exams, and the Howarth Prize—" she broke off suddenly, and began burying herself with the books in an effort to hide her feelings.

"Of course you are in for the Howarth, and Louise too; one of you should get it," said Beth. "I couldn't write a review if you promised me a university scholarship. What book has been chosen for this year?"

"'Welcome,' a tremendously interesting novel by an anonymous writer. Quite the most promising book we've ever had to do. Louise and I were going to study it together."

"Poor old thing!" said Beth consolingly. "But this person may not be so bad when you get to know her. Who is she?"

Daisy Drew

"By name, Daisy Drew; by reputation, wonderfully clever—every thing very promising, you will agree. I shouldn't wonder if she heads straight for the Howarth and carries it off!"

Beth drew herself out of her chair. "Well, I must trot. I'll drop in and look at Miss Daisy later," she said, and vanished down the passage.

A few minutes afterward the door opened and Daisy came in. She was small and slim with big dark eyes and a serious little mouth. She carried all of her belongings as she could manage and dumped them down in a heap on the floor.

(To Be Continued)

Current Events

BRASIL'S Welcome to Mr. Hoover

SOUTH AMERICA has said good-bye to Mr. Hoover and his party, and the long-to-be-remembered tour of the President-elect of the United States is over.

Mr. Hoover has visited 10 Latin-American countries and everywhere has been received with cordial good will. His last visit, that to Brazil, was in particular marked by the warmth of welcomes.

"Brazil through its leaders," writes a staff correspondent to the Monitor, "desired only to show its esteem and pride in American friendship. It opened its heart, its homes, its imperial palaces and bade its guests welcome."

"The dinners, receptions, affairs of state both for Mr. Hoover and the newspaper men accompanying him were extraordinary. They were received by Congress and the Supreme Court of Brazil, diplomatic corps, professional and business organizations. Degrees and honor were bestowed upon Mr. and Mrs. Hoover. The entire press of the Nation devoted itself to the accomplishments and history of the guests and particularly to the United States as a nation."

"Brazil's bon voyage to its guests was as spectacular as its hospitality. As the Utah in the gathering dusk of South American summer slowly moved out from the light-begrimmed shore, toward the Sugar Loaf Peak, and from the foreground the harbor gorgeous rocket displays."

The same correspondent, in summing up the effect of this reception, says: "The warmth and enthusiasm that developed during the President-elect's stay was a tribute to his genius and congratulations upon the great success of his good will tour. It expressed not only Brazil's but Latin America's confidence in a new era of peace, understanding, and cooperation between it and the United States. It was Latin America's good will and best wishes to the President-elect as he turned toward his native land to take up once more the duties of the election of the demonstration."

Boulder Dam Bill Passed

Probably most of you have heard a good deal of talk about the Boulder Dam scheme, for not only is it a scheme which, when completed, is destined to affect the lives of millions, but it is one which in the form of a bill has had a long tempestuous journey before finding its way onto the statute books, and only after six years has it passed both houses of Congress and received the President's signature.

The bill must still be ratified by six of the seven states in the Colorado River Basin before it will become

Dimples and the Rats Lie Down Together



Courtesy of Almer Cox & Co., Chicago

DIMPLES is a cat who is fond of little animals and likes to be kind to them. He even knows how to behave as a courteous guest when his mistress, Mrs. Margaret Dean of Mount Vernon, Ill., puts him into the canary birds' cage. He is a perfect gentleman.

One day, to Dimples' surprise, Mrs. Dean's little son came home with some white rats that a friend had given him. Most people suppose that cats and rats can't get along together, but that is because they have never met a friendly puss like Dimples. Mrs. Dean made no such mistake.

"This, at any rate, is modern," she said. "I do," said Dimples. "Just as essential as modern clothes."

Tony leaned back and watched Tony for some time without speaking. Then she got up and began to read the titles of the books aloud over her companion's shoulder.

"Quite good," she commented. "Rather restricted, perhaps, but quite good."

Tony looked at her incredulously. "Whatever are you talking about?" she said.

"Your books," Daisy replied. "You are very short of really good modern stuff; and there is plenty of it, if you know how to pick and choose."

Tony gave a sarcastic little laugh. "So you consider 'modern stuff,' as you call it, essential?"

"I do," said Daisy. "Just as essential as modern clothes."

Tony leaned back and watched Tony for the first time that the new arrival was faultlessly dressed. She glanced down at her own blue serge suit and thought how commonplace it was. Daisy, meanwhile, had picked up one of the books and was turning over the leaves carelessly.

"This, at any rate, is modern," she said.

"Welcome!"

"I have read it, but not studied it," Tony replied.

"Oh, it is not worth studying; it is only a novel," said Daisy.

"It has been selected for review by the Howarth Committee," Tony explained. "The Howarth is the biggest literary prize the school offers."

Daisy looked interested. "Is it compulsory?" she asked.

"Good gracious no! As a matter of fact, I am a few girls' writer. Just those who are really keen."

"And you?" Daisy asked.

"Oh yes, I try for it every year. The girl who always won it has left so there's just a chance. My pal, Louise Maitland, is in for it too. She shared my study, and everything else, until—"

"Until I nosed my way in," Daisy interrupted.

"Exactly," said Tony.

"That's bad luck. I'm really sorry," said Daisy.

"It can't be helped now," Tony said with an air of resignation. "But please do something with your lumber—it can't stay on the floor, you know."

Daisy made it into a neat pile in a corner and covered it over with a traveling rug. "There!" she said, "that's my good deed done for today. And now I am going to enjoy a well-earned rest on the sofa."

Now we are ready to play, and the score-keeper asks the first question so that each player may have an equal chance. "What is the speediest bite?" he asks.

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Cities and Nations

NEXT time you have a party or a picnic and want a new game with plenty of fun in it, try the game of Cities and Nations. Any number may take part. One is provided with pencil and pad and is appointed score-keeper. All the rest are players.

The first player to answer any question correctly gets five points, and has the privilege of asking the next question. He is allowed 30 seconds to think of a question, and if, at the end of that time, he has not asked one, the player on his right has the privilege, and so on until someone asks a question. Each player who cannot ask a question when it is his turn forfeits two points. Each player who answers a question incorrectly forfeits two points. If a player asks a question that nobody can answer correctly, all the other players forfeit two points, and he gets five points for answering his own question.

The player who answered the last question correctly gets five points, and the score-keeper, crediting five points to the player.

The winner is hardly ready and has to do some quick thinking, but as the time is almost up he asks: "What nation is very pleasant to live in?"

"Fascination!" comes the prompt reply, and right after it someone says: "Imagination!"

"I was thinking of imagination!" says the questioner, so the winner gets five points, and the other loses two points.

Thus comes the winner is ready. The last city should be all avoid?" is the question.

"Amazons!" says a player, and his answer is correct.

"What nation holds the attention closely?" asks the winner.

"Fascination!" shouts the one who lost two points a moment ago with the same answer, but this time he is right, and his score is now "plus two points."

"What is a very tempestuous nation?" he asks.

"Indignation!"

And so the game goes merrily along because everyone has thought of a question to ask when his turn comes, and sometimes two or three players have thought of the question.

"What city is very poor?"

"PauCity!"

"What city is too forward?"

"Precocious!"

"What is a calm, submissive nation?"

"Resignation!"

"What is a very unfortunate city?"

"Adversity!"

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EDITORIALS

Revolt in a Hermit Kingdom

RECENT events in Afghanistan show how rapidly Western civilization is spreading its influence. Today Afghanistan, which before the World War was far famed as a hermit kingdom—insisting on isolating itself with ruthlessness from all contact with the rest of the world—is now in an uproar because King Amanullah has tried to modernize its ways.

The present trouble was precipitated by Amanullah's recent world tour. The King visited all the main capitals of Europe, was shown all the splendors of Western civilization, and returned to his capital an enthusiastic advocate of repeating in his own country the changes which had already been imposed on Turkey by Mustapha Kemal. His new program of reform was proclaimed to the National Assembly, clothed in Western garb at the King's expense, and to a vast crowd of others, in a heroic speech which lasted no less than five days. The King set forth an ambitious program for education, public works, governmental reorganization, road building, and last but not least, for the emancipation of all Afghan women from the veil. He then proceeded to try to carry his program into effect.

Conservatism, however, is tenacious, especially when it is bound up with religion and vested interests in the old order. The Muhammadan mullahs, feeling the threat to their aged authority, began to oppose these new-fangled ideas. The turbulent hill tribes saw in these religious incitements to resistance opportunities for escaping taxation, or of going on looting expeditions against caravans and cities. And so the opposition came to a head in the present rebellion. The outcome none can safely foresee, as it will largely depend upon the loyalty of the army, whose pay the Government apparently has allowed to fall into arrears in order to find money for reforms.

From the point of view of the outside world, the most interesting question is whether the rebellion in Afghanistan is likely to lead to international complications. There does not seem to be any reason at present for thinking that will happen. Afghanistan is a buffer state between India and Russia. Neither country wants to have a contiguous frontier with the other. Both are interested in maintaining the independence of Afghanistan, though each is suspicious of the intentions of the other. It is only in the event of Afghanistan being reduced to chaos that political intervention in its affairs would be considered, for the number of foreigners living in Afghanistan and requiring protection is quite small. There is little likelihood that foreign interference will be necessary.

Mexico Again Faces Its Debts

ONE of the first acts of President Portes Gil is to announce his belief that a new debt agreement will soon be signed between the Mexican Government and the International Committee of Bankers. Apparently another attempt is now being made to resume the payments on Mexico's foreign obligations which were suspended in 1914, due to the revolutions which followed the downfall of the dictator, Porfirio Diaz. For nine years holders of Mexican bonds obtained no interest payments and today Mexico's funded debt amounts to more than \$500,000,000, about two-fifths of which consists of accrued interest. The total debt now is about twice what it was under the Diaz régime.

In 1922 conditions had so improved—that the oil production had reached its peak—that the Obregon Government was able to enter into an agreement with Thomas W. Lamont, representing the International Committee of Bankers, by which service on Mexico's foreign debt would be gradually resumed, with payments between 1923 and 1927 of approximately \$75,000,000. But a dour experience was to prove that Mexico could provide only about half this sum. In 1923 another revolution made necessary the suspension of virtually all payments for two years. The bankers' committee again showed moderation by negotiating a new agreement in October, 1925, which reduced payments required from Mexico one-half. But with the continued decline of oil production and of the oil tax upon which these payments were based, the Mexican authorities were not able entirely to comply with the new terms; and they did not believe that they possibly could resume full payment on the debt at the beginning of 1928. Such payments would have amounted to \$50,000,000, or 42 per cent of the budget for the year. The bankers again consented to reopen the question; and in the spring of 1928 they sent to Mexico two economic experts, Joseph E. Sterrett and Joseph S. Davis, to make an economic and financial survey. Dispatches from Mexico City now report that Montes de Oca, the Minister of Finance, is drafting a new agreement based on Mexico's capacity to pay.

Despite past difficulties in regard to this debt, there is reason to believe that Mexico sooner or later will be able, without undue sacrifice, to meet her obligations. Government revenues in real value, today are at least twice those of the old régime, and there has been a general

improvement in the economic condition. Cattle and rice are now being exported, and the output of mineral products and the development of electric power is greater than ever before. A new confidence and good will between the countries also should operate as factors facilitating a settlement of the debt question upon an equitable basis.

Eros Returns to Piccadilly

FROM London comes the joyful news that Sir John Gilbert's beautiful statue of Eros is to be put back to its old home in the center of Piccadilly Circus. Not since the days of Apuleius, the inimitable author of the Golden Ass, has this mythological deity had to put up with so many aimless wanderings in search, not as of old, of a king's daughter, but of a haven of refuge, a place of domicile—a humiliating quest which the traffic authorities imposed on him.

For many years, as anyone who ever set foot in London can witness, Eros hovered with an arrowless bow and an empty quiver by his side over the heart of the great city. Undisturbed by the never-ceasing stream of automobiles and buses, he valiantly pirouetted on one foot, the other half-suspended in the air, shooting, in his bad old-fashioned way, innumerable and, alas! nonexistent arrows at passers-by, who little heeded his pathetic pranks. Then, about two years ago, the day came when a few gentlemen on the London traffic committee sent the lad packing on the specious pretext that modern traffic urgently required both the widening of the streets which debouch into the Circus, and the reconstruction of the underground railway which rumbles along under it. Eros was moved from the Circus to an obscure corner of a garden by the Thames, and ever since his fate has hung in the balance.

Now the London Traffic Committee, with more traffic than ever on its hands to handle, decided that on no account could Eros be put back, and began to hold out inducements to different municipalities of London to acquire the statue and store Eros away in some little-frequented corner of a park. This callous plot has finally and ignominiously failed. Public sentiment awakened, and gathering strength as these negotiations went on, defeated the purpose of the traffic committee, a happy augury to all beauty lovers who may have to fight the defacement of their cities by relentless traffic.

The Circle Narrows

ACTING upon invitation of Mr. W. C. Durant, a jury composed of well-known American educators, publicists, industrialists, lawyers, preachers and economists has awarded to Maj. Chester P. Mills a prize of \$25,000 offered by Mr. Durant for the best plan for making the Eighteenth Amendment effective. The winner of the award brought to the support of the plan proposed the actual and technical knowledge of conditions gained as administrator of the New York prohibition enforcement district during the years 1926 and 1927. Therefore, he can be said to have qualified as an expert, rather than a mere theorist, thus giving to his plan the practical value which entitles it to serious consideration.

It is interesting, therefore, to examine his brief outline in the light of his experience as a more or less successful administrator who aided in cutting off at its source the supply of imported alcoholic liquors available in what was once known as "Rum Row" just outside the harbor at the port of New York. Two years ago, or thereabouts, when the remnant of the rum fleet had abandoned its long vigil off Sandy Hook, it was authoritatively stated that about 98 per cent of the illicit liquor dispensed in New York was obtained from rectified industrial alcohol by the employment of an uncertain process supposed to remove the more deleterious ingredients mixed with distilled alcohol with the design of making it conform to the rule under which it could be legally dispensed for industrial uses.

It appeared then, as is apparent to Major Mills now, that if the supply of this commodity could be cut off from illicit traffickers at its source, the problem of enforcement would be more nearly solved. Therefore, in his outline of the plan proposed he shows, with apparent knowledge of the problem, the logical processes which should be followed. It is not an economic possibility, of course, to forbid or prohibit the manufacture and sale of alcohol intended for use in industry and which has been completely denatured, or even alcohol specially denatured and capable of being used in the manufacture of many articles, but which can be redistilled.

But it is shown that serious abuses have crept in because of the laxity of officials in issuing permits to distillers of industrial alcohol who have catered to those engaged in supplying bootleggers and other violators of the law. It is at this point that Major Mills proposes to interpose more effective federal authority. With this avenue closed, he believes, the price of all so-called alcoholic beverages would become absolutely prohibitive. With a diminished supply, the traffic would become unprofitable.

No seriously inclined critic of this plan will overlook one vitally important correlative fact. This is that there remains in the United States one present source of illicit liquor of the kind usually dealt in by bootleggers and other dispensers. The 2 per cent of the total which finds its way into the country across the borders or by water routes would not seriously affect the problem of enforcement as a whole.

Funding the Reparations

A ARTICLE appearing lately in the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung indicates that the committee of experts, appointed by the Reparations Commission to determine how much Germany can and should pay, must take up the following subjects: First, the amount of the German annuities; second, the number of years during which payment is to be made; third, protection clauses should the Nation be unable to pay; fourth, the relation of reparations to inter-allied debts; fifth, the relation of reparations to international commerce policies, and, sixth, commercialization, either total or partial, or by

degrees. Most important of these six is the question of commercialization, for it has been claimed in high quarters that the real ambition of the proponents for a final settlement is to have the reparation payments funded so that the allies can receive at once tangible assistance in discharging some of their own international obligations.

Although the United States has no political interest in this settlement, the private investors of this country have a deep concern. The United States has loaned abroad something like \$26,000,000,000, and is continuing to lend abroad at the rate of \$2,000,000,000 a year, a rate which is nearly \$17 per capita. The figures have been supplied by Dr. Max Winkler, vice-president of Bertron, Griscom & Co., Inc. It seems unlikely, if not actually impossible, that the German reparations would be commercialized without selling some of the obligations in the American market. Conditions must be right if that is to be done with success.

It has been estimated that the foreign loans of the United States just about represent the amount of the surplus of commodity exports. There may be found an argument for floating some of the projected German reparation bonds in this country. Loans which result from economic pressure are, however, something entirely different from loans which result from political preference. Undoubtedly the investors of the United States will be perfectly willing and ready to take their share of the German reparations bonds when it is fully established that the settlements giving rise to such bonds are economically just and financially sound. And it should be the concern of European statesmen that the reparations settlement shall rest on such a basis.

Canada Invites Mr. Hoover

BEFORE Mr. Hoover settles down to his administrative duties in Washington in March," writes the Vancouver Sun, one of the most influential newspapers of the Dominion, "he should also visit Canada." There can be no doubt that these words bespeak the gracious and friendly esteem of the Canadian people for the United States and for its President-elect, who has been so promptly and profitably devoting his time to the improvement of Pan-American relations. But there is more than friendly sentiment which actuates the Canadian press in proffering its invitation to Mr. Hoover. There is behind this invitation the desire to better the economic relationships between Canada and the United States and the wish that the whole situation, from trade barriers to international waterways, could receive a first-hand study by Mr. Hoover before he takes office.

Unless the pressing tasks which await the President-elect upon his return from South America shall command every moment of his time before inauguration, Mr. Hoover would do well to heed this invitation to extend his itinerary northward. Canada is a neighbor of growing importance, and this importance can scarcely be overestimated or overappreciated. Since its confederation, the Dominion's population has increased from 3,000,000 to nearly 10,000,000. Nature has generously endowed Canada with water-power resources which it has so developed during the past decade that today Canada stands third among the nations in this field. Its per capita wealth of \$2400 is estimated as second only to that of the United States and Great Britain. In volume of trade Canada is fifth, and its per capita balance of a year ago was unsurpassed.

To date the United States has been the largest recipient of Canada's rapidly expanding wealth. The comparatively small Dominion population is the best customer of the United States, buying approximately \$850,000,000 worth of manufactured goods, and while Canada's trade was declining in other important points of the world, it increased with the United States \$53,000,000 for 1927-1928. As Mr. Hoover well knows, the continued growth of commerce between the United States and Canada is basically contingent upon the sustained and increasing purchasing power of Canada, thereby building up the United States' nearest market. Canada, possessing valuable raw materials on which importers in the United States might wisely draw, is able to export but \$475,000,000 to the United States. A reciprocal trade agreement which would improve the commerce of both nations is, therefore, the subject toward which Canadian industry is rightly desirous that Mr. Hoover should turn his attention.

The highest stand of political confidence prevails between Canada and the United States, and the highest standard of commercial intercourse should be attainable.

Editorial Notes

These remarks from Punch will be gratefully appreciated by the people of the United States: "In his comments on the policy of the United States, Mr. Punch has from time to time allowed himself to indulge in the candour which is permissible between cousins; and he would now like to say, with no less candour, that, in common with all the King's subjects, he has been deeply moved by the wide sympathy which Americans of all classes have extended to His Majesty and to England in these anxious days. Mr. Punch has differed, and may continue to differ, from America on the question of the right way of Disarmament, but he gratefully acknowledges that there can be no difference of opinion as to the disarming influence of this sympathy."

How encouraging it is to hear that so notable an economist as Dr. Frank W. Taussig of Harvard recognizes the fact that neither capital nor labor combines can go far in striking the economic balance necessary for the rationalization of industry without recourse to the innate goodness and justice expressed by the individuals comprising both classes.

What more gracious act than that of Prince George in auctioning his birthday cake and adding \$5310 from the sale to the British miners' fund? A princely act, indeed!

It looks as though it would be some time yet before the water begins to flow over Boulder Dam.

The Diary of a Political Pilgrim

FROM A LONDON CORRESPONDENT

THE 3000 miles separating Canada from the United States has long been the theme of enthusiastic orations about "The unguarded frontier." Speaker after speaker has pointed to the fact that not a fort nor a gun protects either country from invasion from the other and that on the great lakes the patrol ships and their armament are at the lowest point necessary for police purposes.

It has remained, however, for Alanson B. Houghton, the United States Ambassador in London, to dot the 'i's and cross the 't's about the real significance of this "unguarded" frontier. Speaking a week or two ago at a Pilgrims dinner in London, he pointed out that the decision to leave that frontier unguarded had not come into being, as it were, naturally, or because there had never been fighting or raiding across the border.

On the contrary the Rush-Bagot treaty had been drawn up after a long period of war and conflict, first between the British and the French and later between the British and the Americans, of which the wars of 1776 and 1812 were the latest and most important instances. According to all the traditions there had been enough fighting in these regions to warrant the transfer to North America of the complete system of frontier protection and armaments which was familiar to Europe.

But the British and American statesmen of the day had been wiser, and had decided to trust one another rather than armaments for national security and for the fair settlement of any disputes which might arise. Mr. Houghton, too, went on to point out the practical consequences for the present day. There are today great cities, vast aggregations of wealth, valuable natural resources, at which fear or covetousness could cast an anxious or an envious eye. Indeed, Ottawa and New York—the capital of Canada and the commercial capital of the United States—are within distance of the bombing planes.

If the two governments had decided to rely upon armaments for their security, each would now be considering preparations for defense: how it could protect this city or that against military attack or naval bombardment; or how it could ward off attack from the air by prior bombing of some other city. Each would have "general" staffs working out, in secret, plans of defense and offense, and there would be, among both peoples, a deep-lying unrest of mind and a certain distrust of the other's good faith and intentions," just as there is today, along every highly guarded frontier in the world. Fortunately, no such thought now crosses the mind of either side.

This surely has a moral for Anglo-American relations today. There has certainly been some estrangement between the two countries since the high confidence and cordial co-operation of the period of the World War. It is not because there is any difference between the ideals of the two peoples. Both stand for freedom, as against Napoleonism and Bolshevism. Both stand for democracy. Both stand for peace. Both are "nations of shopkeepers." There is not a single issue of substance which divides them.

The trouble has arisen almost entirely from the fact that discussions between them have been concerned almost entirely with armaments. Each has been considering what ships and guns and equipment it needs to protect its own vital trade from interference by the other in time of war,

Notes From Peiping

PEKING (Peking)

THE "Friendship Bridge" erected by the United States Marines over a creek in the little village of Peitang, along the Peiping-Tientsin highway, has started a series of road improvements along the eight-mile motor road. The bridge was built under the direction of Gen. Smedley Butler, who noticed the poor, flimsy planks which had to serve the inhabitants of Peitang and all who drove through the village. The United States Marines stationed in Tientsin undertook to build a substantial wooden bridge, which was then presented to the inhabitants of Peitang as an expression of international good will. At the ceremonies on the occasion of the formal opening of the bridge to traffic, Gen. Shang Chen thanked General Butler and his men and offered to continue the good work by repairing the whole highway from Peiping to Tientsin if General Butler would be so good as to loan the Chinese troops the use of foreign machinery and would assign some marine engineers to supervise the work. This General Butler agreed to do and the repair work was started. Gen. Shang Chen originally offered to detail 1000 soldiers for road-building duty; then increased the number to 1400 men, and now has declared that 2000 soldiers will be put at this work so that the road may be put in first-class condition before the new year.

Commenting upon the "Friendship Bridge," the North China Star, printed in Tientsin, said editorially: "General Butler has frequently announced that it is his aim to bring his marines home from China without even firing a shot. In view of the ever-increasing friendliness between the marines and the people among whom they are stationed there seems every possible indication that this laudable ambition will be fully realized.

Of course, as a matter of national pride and of China's interest, the Chinese would not doubt be glad of the day when America and all other countries free themselves from their soil, but it is equally certain that the United States Marines have so acted in China that they will be many sincere expressions of regret, both among Chinese and foreigners, on the day of their departure. The little bridge, the crossing, the gate, will still in the memory of many pleasant recollections of the days of the United States Marines long after they have left for duty in some other part of the world.

Recent industrial notes published by the Ministry of Commerce show that Chinese capitalists are organizing a number of unusual factories throughout the country. Among the enterprises for which licenses have been taken out are a new cloisonné factory, a company which will manufacture kerosene and engine oil, a corporation which plans to manufacture artificial kerosene according to a formula discovered by Mr. Chwang Po-fan of Chekiang Province, a factory for enamelled cooking utensils, a company which intends to make celluloid toys, and a company which will make dental powder.

The mid-autumn festival, one of the three great annual Chinese holidays, was celebrated in Peiping this year by the Government as well as by the people in their homes. The city officials took the occasion to mark the success of the expedition which, under Gen. Pai Chung-hsi, finally succeeded in dispersing the remnants of the defeated Shantung-Chihli armies who were disturbing the peasants of North China. Six hundred dollars was appropriated to stage a mass meeting in Central Park, where speeches on patriotic subjects alternated with theatrical stunts for the amusement of the people. The end of General Pai's campaign is considered as completing the Northern Expedition which started from Canton more than two years ago. Ho Ching-kung, Mayor of Peiping, advised city officials not to exchange presents to celebrate the mid-autumn festival this year, saying such observances tended to support superstitions of the people. Instead of this old-fashioned "Harvest Moon Holiday," he suggested that the new Nationalist holidays be commemorated as days of modern significance.

Considerable interest has been aroused in a speech recently made by Dr. E. S. Corwin, head of the department of political science at Princeton, who is lecturing at Yenching University here this semester as one of the international exchange professors under the Carnegie Foundation. Dr. Corwin addressed the Peiping Rotary Club, Lowell, Mass.

Bible Statistics

TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

In the Monitor of November 14 some statistics of the Bible are given in an article in one of the Mirror of the World's Opinion columns.

According to the Oxford Cyclopedic Concordance which forms a part of the Sunday School Teacher's Edition of the Bible, the number of words of the whole Bible is 773,692 (instead of \$10,697) and the number of verses 31,173 (instead of 31,175), while the same number of letters is given. These facts, it is stated, were ascertained by a gentleman in 1718; also by an English gentleman, at Amsterdam, in 1772; and the investigation is said to have taken each gentleman three years. WERNER SCHRADER.

Berlin, Ger.

"Chicago Comes Out of Eclipse"

TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

Permit me to express deep and sincere gratitude for the editorial in the Monitor of December 10, "Chicago Comes Out of Eclipse." Nothing could be more genuinely helpful to Chicagoans and outsiders than the true "picture" given in this editorial of this great city. Chicago, Ill.

ASA C. PHILIPS.